



Docket No.: PATRJOE-2

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Racking System, the specification of which was filed January 20, 2004, as Application No. 10/760,636.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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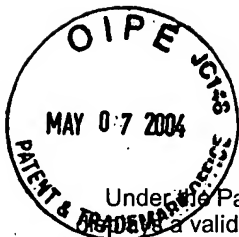
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